

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA**

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SPORTS TALENT SEARCH SCHEME
PRABODH PANDA

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government propose to introduce a new scheme for searching sports talent at village level;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government propose to set up branches of Sports Authority of India (SAI) in every district of each State; and
- (d) if so, by when it is likely to be done?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI VIKRAM VERMA)

(a) & (b): Sir, the Government of India, through the Sports Authority of India(SAI), implements a number of Schemes which operate to scout and nurture sports talent from everywhere, including the rural areas. Further, the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports implements a Scheme of Rural Sports Programme, which too, helps in scouting sports talent from rural areas.As such, there is no proposal to introduce any new scheme for searching sports talent at village level.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.